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## **Changes to Backcountry Camping at Canaveral National Seashore**

**Beginning January 8, 2016,** visitors wishing to reserve one of the 14 backcountry island campsites with Canaveral National Seashore in Mosquito Lagoon must use a national reservation booking service, <a href="www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a>. The reservations may be made up to six months in advance and paid for at the time of the reservation. These changes come in response to visitors requesting a user friendly, more efficient way to enjoy these resources.

Another change to operations will be that there will no longer be backcountry beach camping in the seashore. The safety of the visitor and the protection of the resource were both factors in this decision reached by seashore management.

**Recreation One-Stop** is an interagency partnership among federal agencies to provide reservation services, sharable data and recreation trip-planning information for all federal lands and waters in the United States.

Recreation One-Stop's **Recreation.gov** (<a href="http://www.recreation.gov">http://www.recreation.gov</a>) is the website to **plan**, **reserve and share** federal land recreation experiences. There are about 3,000 facilities, with more than 90,000 individual campsites, hosted on Recreation.gov. The program also supports 12 ticketing and 26 permitting locations, and administers 10 lotteries for a variety of permits and special events. The website experiences about an 11 percent growth in visitors each year with the number of campsite reservations growing by the same amount. The total number of transactions increased 18 percent, from 8.1 million to 9.6 million, between 2009 and 2013.

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